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SUBJECT: US NUCLEAR POLICY GUIDANCE TO SALT NEGOTIATORS

1. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE SOVIET SALT DELEGATION WILL RAISE QUESTIONS WITH US NEGOTIATORS REGARDING CHANGES IN US NUCLEAR POLICY. AS AN INITIAL APPROACH, YOU SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER ANY COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD AVOID DETAILED DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT AND TARGETING PLANS AND POLICY. YOU SHOULD STRESS FROM THE INITIAL ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS THIS POLICY THAT THE USG BELIEVES THAT THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS DEAL WITH FORCE STRUCTURE AND SIZE AND NOT EMPLOYMENT AND TARGETING PLANS

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AND POLICIES. TO THE DEGREE THE SOVIETS PRESS AN INTEREST IN TARGETING AND EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, YOU MAY WANT TO ASK THEM IF THEY HAVE ANYTHING THEY WANT TO TELL US ABOUT THEIR OWN TARGETING AND EMPLOYMENT POLICIES. YOU MAY PROVIDE

THE SOVIETS WITH THE APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S TWO PRESS CONFERENCES DEALING WITH THE POLICY. SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE YOU MAY RESPOND TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

A. THE CHANGES WE ARE MAKING ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE PRESIDENT WITH GREATER FLEXIBILITY. THEY ARE NOT REVOLUTIONARY BUT RATHER ARE A PART OF AN EVOLUTION IN US THINKING ABOUT STRATEGIC POLICY AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THEY

AFFECT PLANNING AND COMMAND AND CONTROL FOR THE POSSIBLE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS; AND DO NOT DEAL WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OR PROCUREMENT OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS.

B. THE POLICY INVOLVES EMPLOYMENT AND TARGETING CONSIDERATIONS AND HAS NO BEARING ON A SALT AGREEMENT. THE PROPOSALS WE HAVE MADE IN SALT CONCERN THE SIZING AND EQUIVALENCE OF FORCES AND WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY MODIFICATION IN NUCLEAR PLANNING.

2. SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE THAT CANNOT BE ANSWERED WITHIN THIS GUIDANCE OR THAT PROVIDED IN STATE 012682, YOU SHOULD REFER THEM TO WASHINGTON AND SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. IN SOME CASES WE WILL FURNISH ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE; IN SOME CASES WE MAY PREFER TO AVOID AN ANSWER. THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE QUESTIONS. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO AVOID MAJOR MISUNDERSTANDINGS BY THE SOVIET UNION, AVOID HAVING THESE ISSUES COMPLICATE SALT, AND AVOID DETAILED DISCUSSION OF US NUCLEAR POLICY IN THE SALT FORUM EXCEPT AS THIS IS NECESSARY TO THE FURTHER PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. RUSH

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